## **Hispanic Line Dance**

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Steve Minkin sent this line dance to me. It illustrates how important the music is in entertaining dancers. The dance routine is ultra simple. The music is the hispanic version of Achy Breaky Heart that was made popular by Billy Ray Cyrus in the English version.

Here are the main dance movements. The dance starts with the right foot so the weight has to be on the left foot.

## **Steps**

- 1-4 To the Right Side, Close, Side, Touch with the Left foot
- 4-8 To the Left Side, Close, Side, Touch with the Right foot
- 9-12 Back up with a Right, Close, Right, Touch with the Left.
- 13-16 Forward with a Left, Close, Left, Turn 1/4 Left and Touch with the Right Foot.

This is a 16 step dance pattern that uses the same step pattern in four different directions. It's great for teaching young people and adults a very easy line dance very quickly.

The music makes the dance. The solid beat of the music and the costumes on the dancers set the stage for the swivel action with the hips and the other body movements that are popular in Country Western line dances.

Clikd <u>Here</u> to see the video that Steve sent me. It starts with a pointing and stomping action.

The Spanish version is available on Amazon.com. Here is the URL for the Caballo Dorado version.

There are probably a dozen other country western tunes that would work just as well. I would probably not start the dance with the arm actions if I picked a different tune. I would use the arm action with Achy Breaky Heart.

My Thanks to Steve for this contribution. Any comments?